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In re Continuation Application of )

HIRAOKA et al. )

For: GAME MACHINE, AND IMAGE )  
PROCESSING METHOD FOR )  
USE WITH THE GAME )  
MACHINE )

Attorney Docket: PLM 1005-02US

October 16, 2002

CONTINUATION APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

This is a Continuation Application of prior Application No. 09/238,967, filed January 27, 1999, and it is submitted concurrently with a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) to revive the prior application. This continuation application transmittal is listed on the General Transmittal accompanying that Petition.

This Continuation Application Transmittal Transmits the Following Elements:

- X Fee Transmittal Form (also indicated on General Transmittal)
- X Applicants claim Small Entity Status
- X Specification – 18 pages
- X Drawings – 4 Sheets
- X Declaration – Copy from parent application
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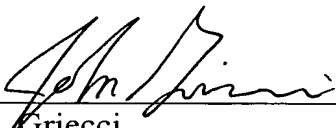
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The parent application, Serial No. 09/238,967, was examined by Examiner Alex Rada, of Group Art Unit 3713.

Applicants incorporate by reference the entire parent application, Serial  
No. 09/238,967.

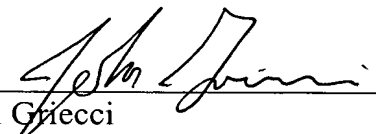
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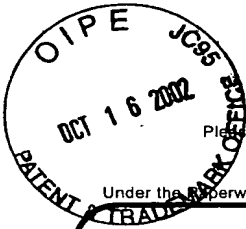
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|  | Filing Date          | January 27, 1999       |               |
|  | First Named Inventor | Kazukuni HIRAOKA       |               |
|  | Group Art Unit       | 3713                   |               |
|  | Examiner Name        |                        |               |
| Total Number of Pages in This Submission   | 65                   | Attorney Docket Number | PLM 1003-01US |

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## FEE CALCULATION

## 1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity |          | Small Entity |          | Fee Description        | Fee Paid |
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| Fee Code     | Fee (\$) | Fee Code     | Fee (\$) |                        |          |
| 101          | 740      | 201          | 370      | Utility filing fee     | 370.00   |
| 106          | 330      | 206          | 165      | Design filing fee      |          |
| 107          | 510      | 207          | 255      | Plant filing fee       |          |
| 108          | 740      | 208          | 370      | Reissue filing fee     |          |
| 114          | 160      | 214          | 80       | Provisional filing fee |          |

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 370.00

## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims: 16  
Independent Claims: 2  
Multiple Dependent: 14

Extra Claims: -20\*\* = 0  
-3\*\* = 0

Fee from below: 9.00  
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Fee Paid: 0.00  
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| Large Entity |          | Small Entity |          | Fee Description  |
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| 103          | 18       | 203          | 9        | Claims in excess of 20                                     |
| 102          | 84       | 202          | 42       | Independent claims in excess of 3                          |
| 104          | 280      | 204          | 140      | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                      |
| 109          | 84       | 209          | 42       | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent         |
| 110          | 18       | 210          | 9        | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

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| 127          | 50       | 227          | 25       | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet                     |          |
| 139          | 130      | 139          | 130      | Non-English specification  |          |
| 147          | 2,520    | 147          | 2,520    | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination                     |          |
| 112          | 920*     | 112          | 920*     | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
| 113          | 1,840*   | 113          | 1,840*   | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |          |
| 115          | 110      | 215          | 55       | Extension for reply within first month                                     |          |
| 116          | 400      | 216          | 200      | Extension for reply within second month                                    |          |
| 117          | 920      | 217          | 460      | Extension for reply within third month                                     |          |
| 118          | 1,440    | 218          | 720      | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |          |
| 128          | 1,960    | 228          | 980      | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |          |
| 119          | 320      | 219          | 160      | Notice of Appeal   |          |
| 120          | 320      | 220          | 160      | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |
| 121          | 280      | 221          | 140      | Request for oral hearing   |          |
| 138          | 1,510    | 138          | 1,510    | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |          |
| 140          | 110      | 240          | 55       | Petition to revive - unavoidable   | 640.00   |
| 141          | 1,280    | 241          | 640      | Petition to revive - unintentional   |          |
| 142          | 1,280    | 242          | 640      | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |          |
| 143          | 460      | 243          | 230      | Design issue fee   |          |
| 144          | 620      | 244          | 310      | Plant issue fee  |          |
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| 123          | 50       | 123          | 50       | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)  |          |
| 126          | 180      | 126          | 180      | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt                                  |          |
| 581          | 40       | 581          | 40       | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |          |
| 146          | 740      | 246          | 370      | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))              |          |
| 149          | 740      | 249          | 370      | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))           |          |
| 179          | 740      | 279          | 370      | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)                                    |          |
| 169          | 900      | 169          | 900      | Request for expedited examination of a design application                  |          |

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